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SUBJECT: Calling Letter for Attack the Networks Operational Course (ATNOC 23.2) - **27 November – 07 December 2023**, Hoyo de Manzanares, Madrid ESP.

DATE: 2 AUGUST 2023

REFERENCES:

- A. Bi-SC Directive 075-007, dated 10 September 2015.
- B. AJP 3.15 (C) (NATO C-IED Doctrine for Countering IEDs), dated 8 February 2018.
- C. STANAG 2294 (ACIEDP-01, Edition A, Version 1, “NATO C-IED Training Requirements”), dated 12 November 2018.
- D. CIED CoE Program of Work (PoW) 2023.
- E. Save the Date Letter for Attack the Networks Operational Course (ATNOC 23.2) from 20 November – 01 December 2023, dated 24 April 2023.

1. This Calling Letter modifies the original dates (see reference E.) for the referred course as follows: from 27 November to 07 December 2023

2. NATO Nations, Australia, New Zealand, Austria, Ireland, Sweden, and Switzerland are kindly informed of the second iteration of the ATNOC in 2023 at the C-IED Center of Excellence in Spain.

Course Code (ETOC): IED-ED-22069

3. The aim of the course is to provide multidisciplinary knowledge and skills to integrate the comprehensive and cross-functional Attack the Networks (AtN) approach as process within the other Operational HQ processes. Emphasis will concentrate on providing AtN related situational awareness with connection to intelligence, exploitation and targeting activities in order to recommend lethal and non-lethal ways to engage all networks (threat/neutral/friendly) and to assess on the engagement effects. The AtN process will be applied on operational level facing networked threats in a hybrid threat environment scenario.

4. Training Audience for the ATNOC are NATO J2, J3, J5 and C-IED Staff Officers and Senior Staff Assistants from upper tactical (Land Component Command LCC, Maritime Component Command MCC, Air Component Command ACC, Special Forces Component Command SOCC) and operational level commands. Officers (OF-2 to OF-4) and Senior NCO (OR-8 to OR-9) from across NCS, NFS, NATO nations, Australia, New Zealand, Austria, Ireland, Sweden, and Switzerland. They should have background in Intelligence, Operations, Plans, Targeting, Information activities, Counterterrorism CT, C-IED...

5. Law Enforcement and Federal Intelligence Services are also encouraged to participate in this course.
6. The course has in total 24 seats for attendees. The number of seats per nation will be prioritized according to requested operational needs. Six seats will be granted in priority for Law Enforcement personnel. Authority for prioritization is the C-IED COE.
7. The deadline for application for the ATNOC 23.2 is **13 October 2023**. Applications after the deadline will not be accepted.
8. If nations request more than one participant for the course, they are kindly asked to prioritize their attendees.
9. The applicants will receive the confirmation/regret mail from C-IED COE no later than 26 October 2023. Selected participants can purchase the flight tickets after this mail. No travel arrangements should be made prior to receiving the confirmation of participation
10. Should you have any questions, please contact the C-IED COE Point of Contacts:

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- A. Course details
- B. Admin instructions

ANNEX A: COURSE DETAILS

1. Training Audience

a. Fields and levels of expertise:

NATO Intelligence, Operations, Plans, Counter Terrorism, EOD and C-IED Staff Officers and Senior Staff Assistants from upper tactical (LCC, MCC, ACC, SOCC) and operational level commands and personnel of Law Enforcement and Intelligence Agencies. The attendance of the C-IED Staff Officer Course (CSOC, also conducted in the C-IED COE), is a good preparation for the ATNOC. Especially for the participants outside of the C-IED environment (including Law Enforcement and Intelligence Agencies), the attendance of the CSOC in advance is highly recommended but not mandatory).

b. Military Ranks:

Officers (OF/2 to OF/4) and Senior NCO (OR 8 to OR 9) from across NCS, NFS, member states armed forces or equivalent ranks of Law enforcement and Intelligence Agencies.

c. Language proficiency

An adequate understanding of written and spoken English is required.

In accordance with STANAG 6001, a level of 3.2.3.2. is recommended for students to attend this course.

2. Tentative Agenda

The ATNOC is a two week course, including theoretical knowledge and tools, which are provided as basis for the practical exercises. The theoretical content consists of introduction of the AtN process itself and to widen the student perspective for the broad fields of overlapping processes, disciplines and other AtN related activities on the operational level. The practical exercise follows in a fictitious scenario in which students will be required in syndicates to undertake staff functions, mainly Ops, Plans, Targeting and Intelligence, within the operational HQ going through the AtN process in order to facilitate, manage, and lead the C-IED/AtN effort.

3. ADL (Advanced Distributed Learning)

The ATNOC requires basic knowledge in C-IED and NATO doctrines on tactical but also operational level. Generally, we recommend the attendance of the C-IED Staff Officer Course (CSOC) prior to the participation in the ATNOC. For all attendees without background in C-IED (including those who did not participate in the C-IED Staff Officer Course (CSOC), it is highly recommended to finish at least the ADL 207 C-IED Online Course in order to catch up the common baseline of C-IED basic knowledge.

This Online Pre-Course is usually created and mandatory before entering the CSOC. In addition to that, the Online C-IED Awareness Course (ADL 041) is also a supplementary preparation opportunity to get familiar or refresh your C-IED awareness.

a) Joining ADL

- Get access to <https://jadl.act.nato.int/> and register if you do not already have an account. It takes some days to get an account.
- Make an account/login starting with your family name.
- When you have an account, log in and search for “ADL 207 C-IED Course” under the Centers of Excellence (CoE) > Counter Improvised Explosive Devices Centre of Excellence and request to Join this course. We will receive this request automatically and we will approve your request.
- The ADL 041 C-IED Awareness Course is permanently open for interested individuals and does not require any requests.

b) ADL support

If you encounter problems with your ADL you can always contact our internal ADL technicians or NATO C-IED COE ofernandez@ciedcoe.org

ANNEX B:
ADMIN INSTRUCTIONS

1. Application for the course

Candidates wishing to apply on this course should follow the guidance below:

- a. Click below and select ATNOC 23.2
- b. <https://www.ciedcoe.org/index.php/courses-events/course-event-register-form/courses-register>
- c. Fill in all the additional information required and submit the form.
- d. In case you have trouble getting access to the webpage, contact the C-IED COE Course Assistant (ofernandez@ciedcoe.org) requesting an electronic version of the Personnel Application Form (PAF). Once completed send it back digitally to the C-IED COE Course Assistant.
- e. The final seat allocation will be made by the C-IED CoE.

2. Dress code.

Duty uniform or battle dress uniform (BDU) or civilian equivalent.

3. Security Classification

- a. The content of given lectures will be UNCLASSIFIED but in order to keep the opportunity of discussions, notes and remarks during the course open up to a NATO SECRET level, the overall classification of the course will be "NATO SECRET RELEASABLE TO AUT, AUS, NZL, IRL, SWE, CHE".
- b. **The course cannot be attended without NS security clearance.**

4. CIS

- a. A briefing on the use of non C-IED COE equipment will be provided on entry.
- b. Students are not allowed to use own laptops, CD/DVD-ROMs or flash disks at Classified Areas (Class I & Class II) according to C-IED COE regulations.
- c. During the course each student will be provided a laptop.
- d. Mobile phones are not permitted inside the briefing and syndicate rooms.

5. Course fee

There will be no course fee.

6. Real Life Support

More information about accommodation and facilities can be checked at <https://ciedcoe.org/>